

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Governor Bruce Rauner
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Dear Governor Rauner:

As you know, Illinois's election system was targeted by concentrated hacking leading up to and during the 2016 election. In particular, hackers targeted voter data and voter registration systems in Illinois and 20 other states. Illinois has acknowledged that these attacks successfully breached voter systems, the only state to do so.

It is clear that both states and the federal government must increase our cybersecurity coordination efforts to protect against future attempts to compromise voter data or even tallying software. Such an attack could throw the results of an election into doubt, undermining people's faith that their vote will be counted – a faith that is the cornerstone of any democratic system.


Earlier this year, Congress appropriated \$380 million for states to increase election security and update aging voting equipment. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security has begun working with state election officials to ensure that digital registration and voting systems across the country are secure and resilient. However, at a recent congressional briefing on May 22, 2018, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Director of the FBI all expressed continued concerns regarding weaknesses in American election systems that will leave our democracy vulnerable to further attack by Russia or other parties.

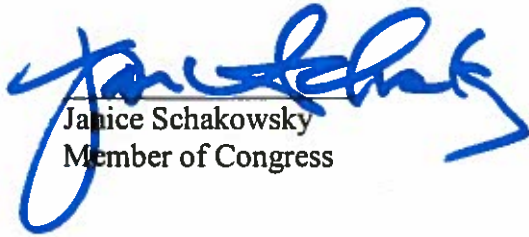
With Election Day fast approaching, we encourage you to work with the federal government through DHS and other agencies to improve protections against future attack in Illinois and safeguard democracy in our state before our neighbors head to the polls in November. We hope you will recognize the gravity of this threat and prioritize this issue in the coming months.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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